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The Director of Central Intelligence

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The Honorable Frederick Ikle  
Under Secretary for Policy  
Department of Defense  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Fred:

I had this done in an effort to develop the leverage the Soviet economic troubles might afford for an arms reduction agreement. I think it's rather a good first cut and it has potential for being highly useful.

The present draft is structured largely in the context of where the Soviets get the most useful savings of economic benefits. They will be looking for maximum reduction in lethal and destabilizing weapons. See my handwritten note on page 29.

I would very much like to have you read through this and make whatever criticisms or suggestions occur to you. If you could do it quickly and give me your thoughts over the telephone I would appreciate it because, if I decide it is of sufficiently solid concept, I would like to digest it in a page or two in the President's Daily Brief with the thought that it could be a useful talking point in Europe.

While I am sending this, I am enclosing also a copy of the estimate, of which I sent you an early draft, on the alternative sources of Western gas.

Yours,

William J. Casey

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